(c) the causes due to which the weather of Hyderabad cleared at Madras suddenly worsened at Hyderabad so as to make the landing impossible ;

(d) whether air controllers at Hyderabad had cleared the aircraft for landing; and

(e) whether 1AC planes usually carry spare fuel and if so, the quantum thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The flying time is around 50 minutes in nil wind conditions.

(c) and (d) The accident is under investigation by a Court of Inquiry.

(e) All Indian registered aircraft including these of Indian Airlines are required to carry adequate fuel in accordance with the requirements laid down in Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP), India. This also includes fuel required for various contingencies.

Privatisation of Hotel Industry

20. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to abandon the privatisation move of the public sector hotel industry ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons and details in this regard;

(c) what are the details of evaluation of properties of the public sector hotels carried out by the foreign banks for the purpose of liquidatin Government equity ;

(d) whether Government have ordered a second evaluation by the CPWD ;

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the details of second evaluation carried out by the CPWD and

(f) by when a final decision is likely to be taken by Government to privatise the hotel industry ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (f) The Government have not yet taken any decision in regard to the disinvestmest of ITDC properties of otherwise. The Government considered that it would be better to get the ITDC properties revalued from one of its own agencies also. It would not be in the public interest to disclose the details of evaluation by the CPWD.

Demand for Review of the Dual Rate of Tarrif in Hotels

21. SHRl DIGVIJAY SINGH :

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the leading five star hotels in the country besides the federation of Hotels and Restaurants Association of India have in a memorandum to Government demanded review of the dual rate tariff structures ; and

(b) if so, what is the decision, if any taken by Government in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The Ministry of Tourism have recently asked the hotel industry to fix tariff in rupee terms on their own Commerical judgement and that dollar tariff if any to be equivalent to the rupee tariff so fixed. The hotel industry representatives including FHRAI have called for a review of this decision.

(b) The representation made by them is receiving the attention of the Department of Tourism.